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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR REASONS OF ALLOWANCE**

The undersigned and Applicant thank Examiner Nguyen for his allowance of Claims 1-9, 11-17, 29, 31, and 34-50. Further, the undersigned and Applicant thank the Examiner for rejoining claims 1-9 and 11-17. The undersigned and Applicant wish to submit comments on the Examiner's Statement of Allowance. In the Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner suggests that the patent to "Robert" (3,589,226) reads on the claim limitations involving "generally parallel" openings. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that the claimed invention includes features that clearly define over Robert. For example, the openings 11 and 13 in the Robert reference are not generally parallel to each other. Moreover, the Robert reference fails to disclose the assembly of a holder plate and an insert body of the nature claimed. For example,

the claims require a holder plate having therein formed two openings, as well as an insert body that is configured for being received in one of the openings in the holder plate. The insert body has an axis and an elongated recess extending at an angle relative to the access. The elongated interior recess of the claimed insert body houses a resiliently-biased engagement member.

Applicant submits that Robert fails to show the claimed insert body. For example, Robert shows a spring and a ball, but neither of these could be considered to be the claimed insert body, as the claimed insert body is required to define an elongated interior recess in which a resiliently-biased engagement member is housed. Thus, Applicant submits that numerous features of the claims clearly are not found in the Robert reference.

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Nguyen for his telephone call on 29 January 2004 to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if the Examiner believes this Interview Summary contains any inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes this Summary is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Phong H. Nguyen; and (2) Applicant's attorney, Eric J. Snustad.

Claims 1, 15, and 29 were discussed during the interview.

No exhibit was shown during the interview.

No prior art was discussed during the interview.

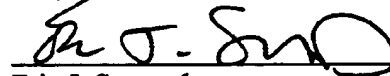
Agreement was reached during the interview. The Examiner suggested replacing the term "generally parallel" with the term "substantially parallel" in claims 1, 15, and 29. The Examiner was authorized to make this change by an Examiner's amendment. Accordingly, the proposed amendments discussed during the interview involved making these changes in claims 1, 15, and 29. There was no discussion during the interview as to there being a difference in the meanings of the terms "generally parallel" and "substantially parallel".

No patentability arguments were made during the interview, so the present interview summary does not include a section on general thrust of arguments made during the interview.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

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